Case 6 – 26 Jan 1996

Mobile County

Gulf Crest, AL 1727-34 CST 2 500 1 3 100K Tornado (F1)

A TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN ALONG US HWY 45 NEAR GULF CREST AND THEN MOVED NORTHEAST FORABOUT 2 MILES. THREE PEOPLE WERE INJURED AND ONE OF THESE DIED IN A LOCAL HOSPITAL ABOUT A WEEK LATER. TWO ELDERLY WOMEN WERE IN A TRAILER THAT WAS TURNED OVER BY THE TORNADO. ANOTHER OF THE INJURED WAS IN A MOTOR HOME NEXT TO THE TRAILER. THE TRAILER WAS LOCATED ON A HILL AND THIS WAS WHERE THE TORNADO FIRST TOUCHED DOWN. OTHER HOMES AWAY FROM THE TRAILER SUFFERED ROOF DAMAGE AS THE TORNADO MOVED NORTHEAST. TREES WERE BLOWN DOWN AND TWISTED ALONG THE PATH OF THE TORNADO. F85MH

Lev II and III available; Begin 2324 UTC (est) – 19 nm range; $C_{obs} = 231 \text{ deg at } 33 \text{ kt}$ SFC WIND (ddff) = 170 deg 15 kt @2256 UTC (KMOB); LIX RAOB (27Jan96 – 00Z)